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**Advisory Action  
Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief**

Application No.	Applicant(s)	
10/830,000	RUPPERT ET AL.	
Examiner	Art Unit	
Gina C. Yu	1617	

--The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

THE REPLY FILED 05 September 2007 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

1.  The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or on the same day as filing a Notice of Appeal. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:

a)  The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.  
 b)  The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.

Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or (b). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

NOTICE OF APPEAL

2.  The Notice of Appeal was filed on \_\_\_\_\_. A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).

AMENDMENTS

3.  The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because  
 (a)  They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);  
 (b)  They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);  
 (c)  They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or  
 (d)  They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: \_\_\_\_\_. (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).

4.  The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).

5.  Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): \_\_\_\_\_.

6.  Newly proposed or amended claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).

7.  For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a)  will not be entered, or b)  will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: none.

Claim(s) objected to: non.

Claim(s) rejected: 13-17, 26, 28-40, 44-49 and 52-56.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: 18-23, 27, 50 and 51.

AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE

8.  The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal will not be entered because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).

9.  The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to overcome all rejections under appeal and/or appellant fails to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1).

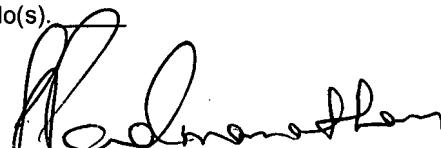
10.  The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER

11.  The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:  
See continuation page.

12.  Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s). (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s).

13.  Other: \_\_\_\_\_.



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SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER

Continuation of No. 11:

Applicants' remarks have been fully considered but are found unpersuasive.

Applicants assert that there is no motivation to add more surfactants than suggested by Touzan, because the reference teaches that its foam composition is in the form of a "satisfactory mousse" with maximum of only 2 % of a surfactant. Examiner views that the term "satisfactory" here is used to denote an acceptable level of the rheology of the composition as a foaming product, rather than the cleansing property of the composition, because the paragraphs in col. 4, line 57 – col. 5, line 12 discuss regarding the use of foaming surfactants, rather than cleansing surfactants. The reason Touzan uses a low amount of anionic cleansing surfactants (sodium laureth sulfate) is to avoid potential skin irritation, and not because the low quantity of the cleansing surfactant would somehow be effective in making a satisfactory mousse.

Applicants pose a question why it would have been obvious to use more than the maximum surfactant concentration disclosed by Touzan, even in view of the teaching of the irritation reduction property of the NO-synthase inhibitors in Giacomoni. In response, examiner views that, in view of the Giacomoni teaching, a skilled artisan would have found it obvious that incorporating a higher amount of sodium laureth sulfate and thereby making a foam product with more effective cleansing property is enabled by adding the surfactant with NO-synthase inhibitors.

Applicants assert that "the corresponding compositions" of Touzan and Dixon "have hardly anything in common", particularly in view of the amount of the surfactant used. The amount of the anionic cleansing surfactant is the reason why Dixon is cited

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in this case, because that teaching would have motivated a skilled artisan to make an effective cleansing composition.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gina C. Yu whose telephone number is 571-272-8605. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, from 8:00AM until 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sreeni Padmanabhan can be reached on 571-272-0629. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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